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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, National Park Service
Director, Geological Survey
Director, Office of Surface Mining

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance **{Lead}**

Subject: Notice of Availability of the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Upper Mississippi River-Illinois Waterway System Navigation Feasibility Study, MS, IA, MO, IL, MN, and WI
(ER 04/400)(Agency due date: July 30, 2004)

The Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers (CE) has published in the May 14, 2004, Federal Register a notice of availability of the subject EIS. You may view the notice at:
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont04.html. The EIS is available at:
<http://www2.mvr.usace.army.mil/umr-iwwsns>.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the report from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments to this office by **July 16, 2004**.

This Office will prepare the Department's comments for signature by the Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance (OEPC) by **July 23, 2004**. Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to OEPC.

/s/ 5/21/04
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